

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 13, 15, and 16, and have not canceled or added any claims. Accordingly, claims 1-16 will still be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

In the *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action mailed January 23, 2008, the Examiner allowed claims 1-12 and 14, and rejected claims 13, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as indefinite for unclear recitations of a quantification segment.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12 and 14, and the indication that claims 13, 15, and 16 would be allowable if amended to overcome the formal matters of the § 112 rejection. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 13, 15, and 16 to replace the recitation of "from each of said quantification segments" with "from said quantification segment." As such, it is clear that the claims recite a single quantification segment. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that amended claims 13, 15, and 16 comply with § 112 and request withdrawal of the rejection.

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In view of the foregoing, all of the claims in this case are believed to be in allowable condition. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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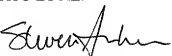
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